

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Katsuyuki YAMADA et al.

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For : OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANU-

FACTURING THE OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,

AND METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING/

REPRODUCING OPTICAL INFORMATION

FIRST AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the final Office Action dated June 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

¹A Request for Continued Examination is being submitted concurrently herewith.